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- 1. WE CALLED ON AMB FRANCESCA POMETTA, FED POL DEPT, IO AFFAIRS, MAY 24, TO GO OVER POINTS MADE REF A AND LEFT NON-PAPER WITH HER COVERING SAME AREAS.
- 2. SITUATION INSOFAR AS SWITZERLAND CONCERNED HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE WE REPORTED EARLIER CONVERSATION (REF B). SWISS STILL HAVE NO POSITION STRUCTURAL REFORM ISSUE BUT POMETTA'S BEST ESTIMATE REMAINS UNLIKELY TO BE AS FIRM AS US WOULD LIKE. KEY TO SWISS POSITION STRUCTURE IS BONNY OF LABOR OFFICE; WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HIM SHORTLY.
- 3. POSITION ON OTHER ILO ISSUES VIRTUALLY SAME AS OURS.
- 4. POMETTA REPORTED BLANCHARD, IN CONVERSATION WITH HER MAY 22, TOLD HER HE CONVINCED ANY PROGRESS AT CONFERENCE ON ALMOST ANY ISSUE WOULD RESULT IMMEDIATE US RETURN. POMETTA NOT GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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SOURCE BLANCHARD'S VIEWS. SAID SHE BELIEVES HE EXPRESSING SAME OPINION TO G-77, OTHER COUNTRIES. WARNER

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